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## CHICKENS & EGGS

Iowa **egg production** during August 2016 was 1.29 billion eggs, up 4 percent from last month, and up 68 percent from last year, according to the latest *Chickens and Eggs* report from the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The average number of **all layers on hand** during August 2016 was 52.6 million, up 1 percent from last month, and up 56 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for August were 2,458, up 3 percent from last month, and up 8 percent from last year. This is Iowa's highest rate of lay recorded in the past eight years.

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### Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: August 2015 and 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding. Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals.]

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 & above		All layers on hand		Eggs per 100 layers		Total egg production		Table egg production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	1,518	1,481	9,520	9,039	2,003	1,969	190.7	178.0	41.1	38.7
Arkansas .....	4,015	3,765	13,591	13,641	2,057	2,115	279.6	288.5	99.0	99.1
California .....	11,346	11,412	11,857	11,930	2,337	2,443	277.1	291.4	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	4,191	3,965	4,644	4,408	2,562	2,439	119.0	107.5	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	8,484	7,914	8,884	8,343	2,337	2,359	207.6	196.8	202.3	191.0
Georgia .....	9,753	9,391	18,625	18,278	2,185	2,226	406.9	406.9	230.9	229.5
Illinois .....	4,275	4,665	4,753	5,142	2,291	2,633	108.9	135.4	104.0	130.5
Indiana .....	28,047	27,647	29,019	28,629	2,391	2,501	693.8	716.0	674.0	697.4
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>32,601</b>	<b>51,200</b>	<b>33,752</b>	<b>52,563</b>	<b>2,278</b>	<b>2,458</b>	<b>768.8</b>	<b>1,292.2</b>	<b>752.1</b>	<b>1,271.4</b>
Maryland .....	2,527	2,459	2,688	2,614	2,511	2,494	67.5	65.2	66.0	63.9
Michigan .....	12,775	12,724	12,991	12,962	2,499	2,457	324.6	318.5	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	8,232	9,837	8,690	10,298	2,343	2,448	203.6	252.1	196.9	246.3
Mississippi .....	1,526	1,443	5,656	5,527	2,088	2,149	118.1	118.8	37.3	36.9
Missouri .....	7,267	7,558	10,812	11,041	2,272	2,421	245.6	267.3	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	5,754	9,237	5,862	9,345	2,559	2,474	150.0	231.2	150.0	231.2
New York .....	4,795	5,314	5,147	5,675	2,524	2,520	129.9	143.0	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	6,839	6,983	14,696	14,467	2,107	2,149	309.6	310.9	160.4	169.4
Ohio .....	32,007	30,148	32,859	31,006	2,424	2,524	796.4	782.7	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	2,345	2,066	2,484	2,205	2,641	2,544	65.6	56.1	65.6	56.1
Pennsylvania .....	23,850	24,488	25,745	26,748	2,518	2,595	648.2	694.2	621.1	658.3
South Carolina .....	2,809	2,871	4,056	4,128	2,364	2,200	95.9	90.8	72.9	66.9
South Dakota .....	1,403	2,230	1,545	2,372	2,544	2,281	39.3	54.1	39.3	54.1
Texas .....	15,614	16,277	19,689	20,095	2,267	2,317	446.4	465.6	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	4,216	4,407	4,254	4,445	2,525	2,326	107.4	103.4	107.4	103.4
Virginia .....	1,123	1,265	2,839	3,048	2,061	2,224	58.5	67.8	26.5	34.4
Washington .....	6,835	6,717	7,001	6,882	2,552	2,537	178.7	174.6	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	3,821	4,929	4,559	5,617	2,441	2,373	111.3	133.3	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	19,066	18,918	28,273	27,952	2,166	2,290	649.2	640.2	507.4	501.6
United States .....	267,034	291,311	334,491	358,400	2,331	2,395	7,798.2	8,582.5	6,655.4	7,440.2

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.  
<sup>1</sup> Includes data for states not published in this table.

## CERTIFIED ORGANIC

The 2015 Certified Organic Survey was conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) in conjunction with USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA). The 2015 Certified Organic Survey is an inventory of all known organic producers in the United States that are certified. This is the fourth organic production and practices survey NASS has conducted on the national level; the previous surveys were the 2014 Organic Production Survey, 2011 Certified Organic Production Survey and the 2008 Organic Production Survey.

In 2015, Iowa ranked fifth in the nation for the total number of certified organic farms with 674 farms. That is about five percent of the nation's total number of certified organic farms. There were 93,707 acres of certified organic farmland in Iowa. This was an increase of 12,073 acres from 2011.

Corn for grain had the highest value of sales of organically produced commodities in Iowa with over \$23.2 million in sales. Iowa produced more certified organic corn for grain and soybeans than any other state, and comprised 17 and 19 percent of national production, respectively. The area harvested for organic corn for grain increased 29 percent from 2011. Organic soybeans came in with just over \$12.0 million in sales.

Iowa produced 16% of the Nation's organic oats with sales totaling \$1,949,492 in 2015.

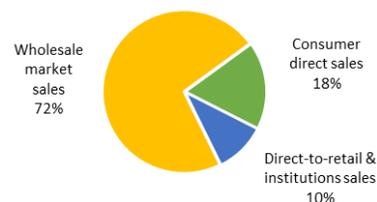
On December 31, Iowa producers had 2,801 certified organic hogs on hand, and comprised 33 percent of the national inventory. Iowa's organic hog inventory ranked first, ahead of all other States.

### Organic Livestock, Poultry, and Livestock Products, Inventory and Sales, Certified Organic Farms – Iowa: 2015

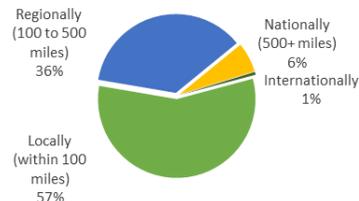
Commodity	Inventory			Value of Sales		
	Farms	Peak	On Dec. 31	Farms	Quantity sold	Total sales
	(number)	(head)	(number)	(number)	(units)	(dollars)
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>						
Milk Cows (head) .....	77	4,049	3,821	71	755	997,365
Beef Cows (head) .....	19	786	760	15	98	(D)
Other Cattle & Calves (head) .....	102	4,022	3,471	99	2,542	2,622,817
Hogs & Pigs (head) .....	8	4,310	2,801	8	4,914	1,700,322
Sheep & Lambs (head) .....	2	(D)	(D)	2	(D)	(D)
Goats & Kids (head) .....	5	697	645	3	118	27,584
Chickens, Layers (head) .....	72	763,816	684,047	33	214,656	173,436
Chickens, Broilers (head) .....	14	404,272	401,900	14	1,854,752	12,668,697
Turekys (head) .....	1	(D)	(D)	1	(D)	(D)
<b>LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS</b>						
Milk from Cows (lbs) .....	(X)	(X)	(X)	75	46,173,786	15,780,667
Milk from Goats (lbs) .....	(X)	(X)	(X)	5	888,050	507,607
Chicken Eggs (dozen) .....	(X)	(X)	(X)	72	15,373,257	34,649,533

(X) Not applicable. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

Percent of Farms by Sales Outlet, Certified Organic Farms Iowa: 2015



Percent of Farms by First Point of Sales, Certified Organic Farms Iowa: 2015



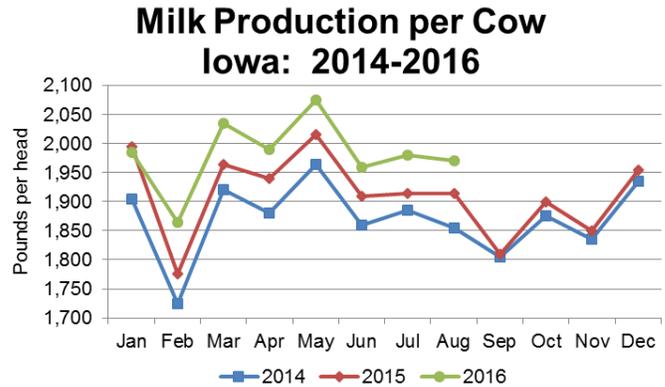
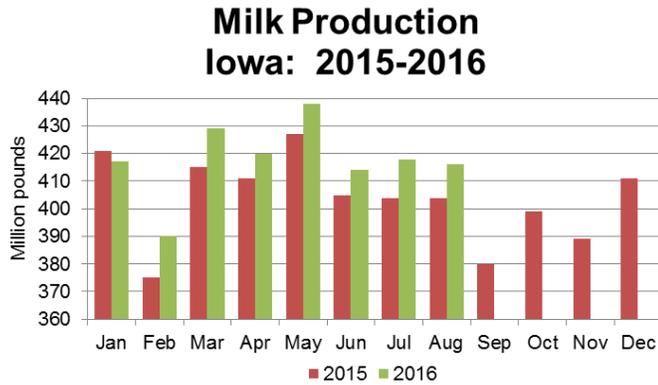
### Organic Field Crops, Production and Sales, Certified Organic Farms – Iowa: 2015

Crop and unit	Harvested			Value of Sales		
	Farms	Area	Quantity	Farms	Quantity	Total sales
	(number)	(acres)	(units)	(number)	(units)	(dollars)
Barley (bu) .....	33	1,262	63,812	27	46,053	389,914
Corn for Grain (bu) .....	382	24,553	3,067,710	329	2,196,358	23,240,546
Corn for Silage (tons) .....	40	635	9,722	9	1,259	85,766
Hay, Dry (tons) .....	264	11,697	42,724	176	15,561	2,010,540
Hay, Dry, Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures (tons) .....	199	8,463	32,587	131	11,948	1,626,721
Hay, All Other Dry Hay (tons) .....	83	3,234	10,137	57	3,613	383,819
Haylage (tons) .....	63	2,855	13,849	26	2,785	312,641
Oats (bu) .....	151	5,795	403,831	114	306,255	1,949,492
Rye (bu) .....	14	675	19,794	13	14,797	162,354
Soybeans (bu) .....	309	16,255	607,169	269	503,258	12,042,070
Wheat, All (bu) .....	37	2,298	71,060	35	66,581	746,682
Wheat, Spring (bu) .....	13	852	21,576	13	21,576	267,642
Wheat, Winter (bu) .....	25	1,446	49,484	23	45,005	479,040

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

## MILK PRODUCTION

**Milk production** in Iowa during August 2016 totaled 416 million pounds, up 3 percent from the previous August according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during August, at 211,000 head, was the same as both last month and last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,970 pounds, up 55 pounds from last August.



### Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: August 2015 and 2016

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	Change from 2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona .....	195	197	1,870	1,870	365	368	0.8
California .....	1,778	1,767	1,880	1,860	3,343	3,287	-1.7
Colorado .....	145	153	2,210	2,235	320	342	6.9
Florida .....	125	120	1,555	1,500	194	180	-7.2
Idaho .....	586	599	2,090	2,145	1,225	1,285	4.9
Illinois .....	94	93	1,600	1,590	150	148	-1.3
Indiana .....	181	184	1,860	1,870	337	344	2.1
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>1,915</b>	<b>1,970</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Kansas .....	143	145	1,840	1,860	263	270	2.7
Michigan .....	410	422	2,140	2,215	877	935	6.6
Minnesota .....	460	462	1,730	1,735	796	802	0.8
New Mexico .....	323	317	2,010	2,080	649	659	1.5
New York .....	619	620	1,945	2,005	1,204	1,243	3.2
Ohio .....	266	266	1,750	1,765	466	469	0.6
Oregon .....	123	125	1,740	1,760	214	220	2.8
Pennsylvania .....	530	529	1,700	1,695	901	897	-0.4
South Dakota .....	107	115	1,915	1,880	205	216	5.4
Texas .....	462	487	1,790	1,885	827	918	11.0
Utah .....	96	92	1,990	2,000	191	184	-3.7
Vermont .....	132	130	1,700	1,745	224	227	1.3
Virginia .....	91	89	1,595	1,560	145	139	-4.1
Washington .....	276	275	2,050	2,070	566	569	0.5
Wisconsin .....	1,280	1,278	1,940	1,990	2,483	2,543	2.4
<b>23-State Total .....</b>	<b>8,633</b>	<b>8,676</b>	<b>1,894</b>	<b>1,920</b>	<b>16,349</b>	<b>16,661</b>	<b>1.9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## CATTLE ON FEED

**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 580,000 head on September 1, 2016, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was down 3 percent from August 1, 2016, and down 6 percent from September 1, 2015. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 495,000 head on feed, down 6 percent from last month and down 4 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,075,000 head, down 4 percent from last month and down 5 percent from last year.

**Placements** of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during August totaled 71,000 head, an increase of 4 percent from last month and up 1 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 36,000 head, up 44 percent from last month but down 48 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 107,000 head, up 15 percent from last month but down 23 percent from last year.

**Marketings** of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during August totaled 90,000 head, up 18 percent from last month and up 17 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 64,000 head, up 52 percent from last month but down 30 percent from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 154,000 head, up 31 percent from last month but down 9 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 3,000 head.

### All Cattle on Feed <sup>1</sup>, Iowa

Item	Feedlots 1,000+ capacity	Feedlots less than 1,000 capacity	All feedlots
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle on feed, August 1, 2016 .....	600	525	1,125
August placements .....	71	36	107
August marketings .....	90	64	154
August other disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....	1	2	3
Cattle on feed, September 1, 2016 .....	580	495	1,075

<sup>1</sup> Cattle on feed are steers and heifers being fed a ration of grain, silage, hay and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. It excludes cattle being "backgrounded only" for later sale as feeders or later placement in another feedlot.

<sup>2</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

### Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – Selected States and United States: 2015-2016

State	Cattle on feed <sup>1</sup> September 1			Placements during August			Marketings during August			August disappearance other than slaughter <sup>2</sup>		
	2015	2016	'16 as % of '15	2015	2016	'16 as % of '15	2015	2016	'16 as % of '15	2015	2016	'16 as % of '15
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Arizona .....	241	271	112	21	14	67	17	24	141	2	1	50
California .....	455	405	89	41	40	98	36	42	117	5	3	60
Colorado .....	780	800	103	130	170	131	135	175	130	5	5	100
Idaho .....	215	225	105	36	45	125	40	49	123	1	1	100
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>33</b>
Kansas .....	1,950	2,170	111	370	485	131	340	415	122	10	10	100
Minnesota .....	140	119	85	22	15	68	14	28	200	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,200	2,100	95	410	465	113	400	450	113	10	5	50
Oklahoma .....	250	300	120	50	58	116	49	57	116	1	1	100
South Dakota ...	205	215	105	31	33	106	34	37	109	2	1	50
Texas .....	2,450	2,490	102	385	395	103	360	415	115	15	10	67
Washington .....	195	180	92	30	35	117	44	44	100	1	1	100
Other States ....	285	280	98	36	53	147	42	42	100	4	1	25
United States....	9,986	10,135	101	1,632	1,879	115	1,588	1,868	118	60	41	68

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